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SUBJECT: LOSS OF IRANIAN HELICOPTERS

1. DURING CLASSIFIED BRIEFING FOR SENATE AND HOUSE STAFFERS
JULY 21 ON IRANIAN ARMS SALES, SEVERAL QUESTIONS WERE
RAISED REGARDING LOSS OF IRANIAN HELICOPTERS IN USSR. WE
REPLIED, DRAWING ON DAO REPORTING.

2. AS WE ANTICIPATE THAT HELICOPTER LOSS WILL RECEIVE
RENEWED EMPHASIS DURING ANY FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF SALE
OF SENSITIVE AVIATION TECHNOLOGY TO IRAN, WOULD APPRECIATE
RECEIVING A WELL-ROUNDED, FULLY-DETAILED REPORT OF INCIDENT
FROM THE EMBASSY. FOR EXAMPLE, WHAT WAS INTENDED ROUTE OF
FOUR HELICOPTERS THAT WANDERED INTO SOVIET TERRITORY? DID
HELICOPTERS CARRY ANY NAVIGATION AIDS? WERE AIRCRAFT
PILOTED BY EXPERIENCED PERSONNEL? ARE IRANIANS TAKING ANY
PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT REPETITION OF INCIDENT? PLEASE
COVER ANY OTHER POINTS THAT YOU THINK MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN
EXPLAINING THIS INCIDENT IN CONTEXT OF CONGRESSIONAL
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